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SUMMARY

With the term "Ankang" (steel city) for the Anshan steel district now in daily use, it is admitted that the area has been reorganized "along Soviet patterns." At the same time, Soviet experts train oil prospectors for the Southwest, plan afforestation along the Huang Ho, and are credited with giving the People's University a thoroughly indoctrinated staff. The true status of China's transport, notably the much-discussed Chinese-Changchun Railway, is revealed in an announcement that a Chinese railway delegation is in Moscow arranging "joint Sino-Soviet rail transport," which means that the USSR will have full use of the system connecting Dairen and Port Arthur with Soviet cities.

The Resist America-Aid Korea drive still enlists Chinese railway technicians for Korea in great numbers, but recruitment of doctors, nurses, and medical workers apparently is becoming difficult. Suggestions that chemical factories increase quotas indicate also a scarcity of chemical supplies. The peace overtures of Chou, Kim, and Molotov receive considerable emphasis, with release of the three separate statements indicating "Communist unity." However, suspicion that Moscow originated the idea is strengthened by Peking's talk of peace along "lines laid down by Molotov," and claims that the peaceful solutions "of the USSR" have thrown the U.S. Government off balance.

In an attempt to replace cotton formerly imported from "imperialist nations," cotton acreage quotas are fixed, despite the obvious cuts in food production that will follow. Failures in the basic construction program still are more apparent than the gains. Claims of 630,000 new workers on the Huai River Project recall that only a week or two ago it was announced that a half million workers on the project were released for spring farming. The farm program also interferes with the Marriage Law implementation campaign.

One reason for dissatisfaction among farmers, apparent recently, is seen in a report that some workers now earn six times as much as farmers. Also, it is higher wages which arouse "increased enthusiasm for production" among certain mutual aid teams.

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